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PLO VOTE AT UN

SUMMARY FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS VIG-
OROUSLY DEFENDED NORWAY'S PLO VOTE IN
COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT ON NORWEGIAN MIDDLE EAST
POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. INCREASING DISCONTENT FROM RIGHT WING OF
LABOR PARTY AND MAJOR NON-SOCIALIST POLITICAL
PARTIES OVER NORWAY'S VOTE ON "INVITATION" TO
PLO SURFACED ABRUPTLY IN STORTING (PARLIAMENT)
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OCTOBER 29. STORTING MEMBER KARE KRISTIANSEN

OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY MAINTAINED THAT
PLO VOTE REPRESENTS CHANGE IN NORWEGIAN MIDDLE
EAST POLICY AND ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND
TO EXPLAIN THE NORWEGIAN POSITION.

2. FRYDENLUND'S CAREFULLY-WORDED, LENGTHY
RESPONSE DENIED ANY SHIFT IN NORWEGIAN POLICY,
SET FORTH THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF NORWEGIAN POLICY
IN MIDDLE EAST AND OFFERED DETAILED REASONING
BEHIND NORWEGIAN VOTE ON PLO RESOLUTION. SOME
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
REMARKS:

--MAIN ELEMENTS OF NORWEGIAN POLICY IN
MIDDLE EAST SINCE 1970 ARE (1) CONQUEST
OF TERRITORY BY FORCE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED
(2) ALL STATES IN REGION MUST HAVE RIGHT TO
LIVE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED FRONTIERS
AND (3) A JUST SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND FOR
PLAESTINIAN ARABS.

--FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS IN
OSLO, FOREIGN MINISTRY INSTRUCTED UN
DELEGATION TO ABSTAIN PROVIDED THAT A
MAJORITY OF WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS DID
LIKEWISE. WITH WESTERN EUROPE
VOTING 11 IN FAVOR, 7 ABSTAINING, THE
DELEGATION FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS AND VOTED
IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION.

--GOVERNMENT WEIGHED DECISION THOUGHTFULLY,
TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION IMPACT ON ME
NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS POSITIONS OF
OTHER NATIONS.

--STORTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAD
PREVIOUSLY CRITICIZED NUMBER OF
ABSTENTIONS IN VOTING RECORD OF NOR-
WEGIAN UN DELEGATION AND RECOMMENDED
MORE DECISIVE VOTING APPROACH ON UN
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ISSUES AUGMENTING EACH VOTE, AS NECESSARY,
WITH FURTHER EXPLANATIONS OR RESERVATIONS.

--ON PLO QUESTION ITSELF, NORWAY REGARDED
RESOLUTION AS PURELY PROCEDURAL AND
NORWEGIAN VOTE IN NO WAY REFLECTS
NORWEGIAN VIEWS ON REPRESENTATIVENESS
OF PLO, RECOGNITION OF THE ORGANIZATION

OR ENDORSEMENT OF PLO POLITICAL
PROGRAM.

--TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN ATTITUDE FABORS
RIGHT OF VARIOUS GROUPS TO HAVE OPPOR-
TUNITY FOR EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS
ON MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO THEM.

3. COMMENT ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT
DID NOT ATTEMPT TO SEIZE INITIATIVE AND EXPLAIN
UNPOPULAR PLO VOTE IN ADVANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY
CRITICISM, RESPONSE TO KRISTIANSEN'S QUESTION
WAS OBVIOUSLY CAREFULLY PREPARED BEFOREHAND.
NORWAY HAS BECOME KNOWN IN RECENT YEARS FOR A
NON-CONFRONTATION ORIENTATION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WITH A PARTICULAR BIAS IN FAVOR OF LEFTIST/LDC
CAUSES AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISING FOR
NORWAY TO HAVE PERFORMED OTHERWISE
IN LOPSIDED 120-4-20 PLO VOTE. FURTHERMORE,
FROM NORWEGIAN VIEWPOINT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO
PROMOTE "PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT" IN ME, EVEN
AT RISK OF OFFENDING ISRAELI SENSIBILITIES. AS
FRYDENLUND EXPRESSED IT, "HOW WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO
ARRIVE AT LASTING SOLUTION...UNLESS PALESTINIAN ARABS
ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS".
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